



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: March 28, 2006

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Declaring April 23-29, 2006 Recording for the Blind and
Dyslexic's Record-A-Thon Week



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION

"RECORDING FOR THE BLIND & DYSLEXIC'S RECORD-A-THON WEEK"

April 23 - 29, 2006

WHEREAS, more than a million people in the United States are legally blind and one out of every five Americans has a learning disability; and

WHEREAS, research in the field of print disabilities indicates that by grade four, without the benefit of recorded books, many students with print disabilities have already failed, reducing their self esteem and turning them into non-readers; and

WHEREAS, with a dropout rate of 35%, more than double that of students without print disabilities, students with print disabilities such as blindness or dyslexia can benefit greatly from recorded textbooks that help them realize their goals for academic and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic® (RFB&D®), the nation's educational library for people with print disabilities, provides textbooks to more than 11, 575 students in California on tape and CD in every subject and grade level, which are read and recorded at the Santa Ana and Upland Studios by more than 7,100 volunteers, including 250 locally; and

WHEREAS, as part of the national effort to increase the number of recorded books available to its more than 141,000 members, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic will hold its annual Record-A-Thon during the week of April 23, 2006, in the Inland Empire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 - 29, 2006

"RECORDING FOR THE BLIND & DYSLEXIC'S RECORD-A-THON WEEK"

and urge all citizens to join in recognizing and supporting RFB&D's unique work to make education accessible to all students, regardless of disability.

SIGNED this 28th day of March 2006.

Floyd Petersen, Mayor